

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A web-fed rotary printing press, comprising:

at least one press cylinder for printing a paper web conveyed at a first tensile stress;

a dryer disposed downstream of said press cylinder, said dryer guiding the paper web along a path;

a pull roll disposed downstream of said dryer for conveying the paper web along said path under a second tensile stress, said second tensile stress being equal to or less than 10% of said first tensile stress; ~~with a given tensile stress that is considerably lower than a tensile stress in a printing path upstream of said at least one press cylinder, said given tensile stress being less than 50 N/m;~~

a first apparatus disposed downstream of said press cylinder and upstream of said dryer for separating the paper web from said press cylinder during a normal printing operation, said

separating of the paper web from said press cylinder being decoupled from the conveying of said paper web along said path; and

a second apparatus for driving said pull roll, said second apparatus driving said pull roll at a rotational speed being reduced as compared with a rotational speed of said press cylinder.

Claim 2 (previously presented): The web-fed rotary printing press according to claim 1, wherein said second apparatus for driving said pull roll has a third apparatus for controlling the rotational speed of said pull roll and of said press cylinder, said third apparatus controls the rotational speed of said pull roll to a value below a value of the rotational speed of said press cylinder.

Claim 3 (previously presented): The web-fed rotary printing press according to claim 1, wherein said first apparatus for separating the paper web from said press cylinder separates the paper web from said press cylinder without contact.

Claim 4 (previously presented): The web-fed rotary printing press according to claim 3, wherein said first apparatus has

at least one element selected from the group consisting of  
blowing elements and ultrasound elements.

Claim 5 (previously presented): The web-fed rotary printing  
press according to claim 1, wherein the web-fed rotary  
printing press is a web-fed rotary offset press.

Claim 6 (previously presented): The web-fed rotary printing  
press according to claim 1, wherein said first apparatus for  
separating the paper web from said press cylinder is  
configured or coated in an ink-repellent manner, at least in  
some sections.

Claim 7 (currently amended): A web-fed rotary printing press,  
comprising:

at least one press cylinder for printing a paper web conveyed  
under a first tensile stress;

a dryer disposed downstream of said press cylinder, said dryer  
guiding the paper web along a path;

a first pull roll disposed downstream of said dryer to convey  
the paper web along the path under a second tensile stress,  
said second tensile stress being equal to or less than 10% of

~~said first tensile stress; with a given tensile stress which is considerably lower than a tensile stress in a printing path upstream of said at least one press cylinder, said given tensile stress being less than 50 N/m;~~

a second pull roll, which is disposed downstream of said press cylinder and upstream of said dryer, for releasing the paper web during a normal printing operation; and

an apparatus for driving said first pull roll, said apparatus driving said first pull roll at a rotational speed being reduced as compared with a rotational speed of said second pull roll.

Claim 8 (previously presented): The web-fed rotary printing press according to claim 7, wherein said apparatus for driving said first pull roll has a further apparatus for controlling the rotational speeds of said first and said second pull roll, said further apparatus controls the rotational speed of said first pull roll to a value below a value of the rotational speed of said second pull roll.

Claim 9. (previously presented): The web-fed rotary printing press according to claim 7, wherein said second pull roll is

configured or coated in an ink-repellent manner, at least in some sections.

Claim 10 (previously presented): The web-fed rotary printing press according to claim 7, wherein said first pull roll is a cooling roll.

Claim 11 (previously presented): The web-fed rotary printing press according to claim 7, wherein said first and second pull rolls are in each case constructed as a driven, rotating element.

Claim 12 (previously presented): The web-fed rotary printing press according to claim 7, wherein said first pull roll and said press cylinder are in each case constructed as a driven, rotating element.

Claim 13 (previously presented): The web-fed rotary printing press according to claim 7, wherein the web-fed rotary printing press is a web-fed rotary offset press.

Claim 14 (currently amended): A method for treating a printing material web in a web-fed rotary printing press, which further comprises:

feeding a paper web to a press cylinder under a first tensile stress;

printing on the paper web using the press cylinder;

conveying the paper web along a drying path under a second tensile stress of the paper web equal to or less than 10% of the first tensile stress; and

separating the paper web from the press cylinder during a normal printing operation, the separating of the paper web from the press cylinder being decoupled from the conveying of the paper web along the path.~~;~~ and

~~setting a second tensile stress of the paper web, being considerably reduced as compared with the first tensile stress, along the drying path, the second tensile stress being less than 50 N/m.~~

Claim 15 (previously presented): The method according to claim 14, which further comprises setting the second tensile stress to a value suitable for conveying the paper web after separation from the press cylinder.

Claim 16 (previously presented): The method according to claim 14, which further comprises conveying the paper web along the drying path composed of path parts which follow one another and are oppositely curved.

Claim 17 (original): The method according to claim 14, which further comprises controlling the second tensile stress such that the drying path is composed of path parts which follow one another and are oppositely curved.

Claim 18 (original): The method according to claim 14, which further comprises controlling the second tensile stress such that the drying path is substantially meander-like.

Claim 19 (canceled)

Claim 20 (original): The method according to claim 14, which further comprises controlling the second tensile stress such that the drying path has a radii of curvature following one another of in each case less than 200 mm.

Claim 21 (previously presented): The method according to claim 14, which further comprises increasing a temperature of the paper web along the drying path.

Claim 22 (original): The method according to claim 14, which further comprises controlling the second tensile stress such that the drying path is substantially sinusoidal.